

**Watershed Committee (WC) Meeting
December 22, 2009
Meeting Notes and Next Steps**

Attendance: Steve Cardon, Jim Ingle, Julie Palakovich Carr, and Dominique Lorang-Leins, WC members; Lise Soukup, EMD PE, Audra Lew, staff liaison.

Environment Commission Updates:

- S. Cardon reported that Commissioners were working on “Section 8 and Section 9”

Discussion:

- Lise Soukup explained the difference between an **ordinance** and a **regulation** in Rockville, stating that the ordinance is the act of passing law (requires action from M and C) and the regulation document gives more detail.
- She further explained that there will be a **third document**, the **Department of Public Works Policy on Stormwater Management** that will be geared for engineers and developers and will contain more detail and be changeable without M and C approval. And there also exists, **the Maryland Stormwater Design Manual** A.K.A. the State’s Stormwater ‘bible’. (Available: http://www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/WaterPrograms/SedimentandStormwater/s_tormwater_design/index.asp)
- New timeline: Intro to M and C January 25th ⇒ Public Hearing February ⇒ M and C Discussion and Instruction session (will present results from Pub Hearing and changes since Intro.) ⇒ Final adoption: April/May
- Brief history: Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) authorizes at the State level for stormwater management and sediment and erosion control. In 2007, the State Legislature created the Stormwater Act of 2007 that requires local government to create new regulations to include Environmentally Sensitive Design (ESD). Timeline was May 2009-2010. Rockville EMD started re-write of our regulations in June (when State made manual available). City has “pretty extensive” stormwater regulations (dating back to 1978) and we closely follow MoCo.
- We made it through the entire Ordinance, and decided to discuss the Regulations via email.

Next Steps:

AL to:

- Drop probe at City Hall for SC.
- Do literature search on HOA regulations/restrictions and the use of ESD techniques
- Set up introduction of Amanda Matheny and WC members for January meeting.

SC to:

- Pick up WQ monitoring probe and take samples after Blizzard ‘09

Lise to:

- Review SC’s comments on Ch. 19 and Regulations documents and provide feedback to Jake M.

WC members to:

- ❑ Continue to review Ch. 19 and Regulations documents and provide feedback to Jake M.
- ❑ Review SOS data reporting document and give suggestions/feedback to AL and explore EMD's list of training opportunities for the spring and summer of 2010 in hopes of helping to staff the trainings/events (both documents handed out at meeting)

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Next WC Meeting

The next Watersheds Committee meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:15 pm at
Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.

Amanda Matheny (Watershed Protection Specialist, EMD) is slated to join us for a discussion of the City's Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) program (please see <http://www.wssc.dst.md.us/rsg/FOGProgram/index.cfm> for WSSC's version of the program) and our Illicit Discharge and Detection Elimination (IDDE) program. Please see http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/menuofbmps/index.cfm?action=min_measure&min_measure_id=3 for IIDE info from the EPA.